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In the application of: Max Gerhafer

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WARNING A FOLLOWING VEHICLE DURING BRAKING

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Examiner: Michael Horabik

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

- 1) DE 199 40 080

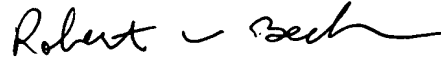
Reference 1, DE 199 40 080, discloses a signaling system provides complementary dynamic braking signals using auxillary brake lights in addition to the normal rear brake lights. The braking signaling system is controlled via a microprocessor (5), evaluating signals supplied from acceleration, ambient light and temp sensors (1,2,3) via an A/D converter (4), its control outputs coupled to a power amplifier (10) and driver amplifiers (8,9) for operating the signal lights (6). ADVANTAGE – Allows intensity of braking to be indicated.

A copy or copies of the listed document(s) is/are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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